

U.S. Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-St. Paul) will respond to the ongoing assaults on clean air protections in Congress and discuss how these assaults could impact Minnesota. Last Friday the House voted to pass the TRAIN Act (H.R.2401), legislation that would indefinitely delay the clean-up of toxic mercury, smog, and soot from power plants.

According to the American Lung Association's most recent data, over 60,000 Minnesota children currently suffer from asthma. The TRAIN Act would expose our children to toxic air pollutants that lead to learning disabilities and developmental disorders and could cause hundreds of thousands of asthma attacks, heart attacks, and over 139,500 premature deaths nationwide.

Minnesota leaders in the public health and environmental arenas, including a local health professional from Children's Hospital and a representative from the American Lung Association will speak more about how the TRAIN Act and other upcoming attacks on clean air in Congress would affect public health in Minnesota. The Minnesota Nurses Association has also invited their nurses at Children's Hospital to come to the press conference to show their support for clean air protections.

WHEN: Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 1:00 PM

WHERE: Children's Hospital of St. Paul, 345 N. Smith Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102

Park in the Red Ramp off of Grand Ave. Go to Conference Room 4057 in the GardenView building on the 4th Floor.

WHO: Congresswoman Betty McCollum

Representative from Children's Hospital

Ken Bradley, Environment Minnesota

Robert Moffitt, American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest